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REQUEST DEPT CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE BY TELEPHONE TO FLOYD HALL, PRESIDENT, EASTERN AIRLINES, FROM AMBASSADOR MARSHALL:

## BEGIN MESSAGE

CAPTAIN RIVENBARK, WHO HAS NOW LEFT KENYA, INFORMED ME OF YOUR INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT OF COLONEL TOKO. TOKO WAS SUMMONED TO ARUSHA (EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADQUARTERS) THIS MORNING. ON HIS RETURN TO NAIROBI HE ADVISED ME THAT PRESIDENT AMIN HAD SENT TELEGRAM TO EAC ADVISING THEM THAT HE WITHDRAWS IMMEDIATELY COLONEL TOKO FROM NOMINATED POST WITH EAST AFRICA AIRLINE. TOKO WAS GIVEN LETTER TERMINATING HIS SERVICE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. REASON FOR DISMISSAL BY AMIN: "ON POLITICAL GROUNDS AS HAVING BEEN IMPLICATED IN RECENT ISRAELI ACTION IN ENTEBBE." WHICH, OF COURSE, IS NONSENSE. UNEMPLOYMENT PUTS TOKO IN DIFFICULT POSITION WITH KENYANS, WHO SAY HE CAN STAY UNTIL HIS PLANS BECOME FIRM, BUT HOPE IT WILL BE SOON. TOKO WISHED ME INFORM YOU OF HIS STATUS. AS I BELIEVE YOU KNOW, I HAVE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE STUDENT STATUS WITH TOKO AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY IN CIVIL TRANSPORTATION; HOWEVER, NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS YET. TOKO UNDERSTOOD YOU WERE INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT FOR HIM IN U.S. I WOULD BE PLEASED TO PASS ON TO TOKO ANY MESSAGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOU MAY HAVE FOR HIM IN VIEW OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS.

DECON 7/7/77 MARSHALL

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